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Study Title: Evaluation of the Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA)

Brief description of the study: The Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach's (PEPA) overall objective is to enhance the capacity of health professionals to deliver a palliative care approach through the provision of experiential workforce placements in specialist palliative services and the delivery of palliative approach workshops. The program incorporates a range of activities to promote transfer of learning to ensure sustained improvements in care of people who are dying across all sectors of health care.

To ensure comprehensive evaluation of individual practitioner as well as system outcomes, the following key outcomes are assessed:

- Impact of the program: This area explores evidence of participant learning and the impact it had in improving knowledge and skills of participants.
- Sustainability: This area examines the evidence of durability of program outcomes following the participants' return to their workplace.
- Capacity building: This area reviews the resources and strategies that participants, their employers and host site staff have found useful to assist learning and promote ongoing learning following the placement.
- Generalisability: This area explores significant lessons from the program that may be helpful for future initiatives.

Study Methodology: (Please mark with an x which type of study methodology)

	Epidemiology
X	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement
	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive
	Mixed Method
	Systematic Review
	Intervention: RCT
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
	Intervention: Case series

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing						
Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: 2003						
Project completion date: 2014						
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable

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